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H. R. 3645

To prohibit the return of veterans memorial objects to foreign nations without specific authorization of law.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CUBIN (for herself, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. STUMP, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. JONES, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mr. GIBBONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To prohibit the return of veterans memorial objects to foreign nations without specific authorization of law.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON RETURN OF VETERANS ME-**
4 **MORIAL OBJECTS WITHOUT SPECIFIC AU-**
5 **THORIZATION IN LAW.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of law, the President may not transfer a veterans me-

1 morial object to a foreign country or entity controlled by
2 a foreign government, or otherwise transfer or convey such
3 object to a person or entity for purposes of the ultimate
4 transfer or conveyance of such object to a foreign country
5 or entity controlled by a foreign government, unless the
6 transfer or conveyance is specifically authorized by law.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOV-
9 ERNMENT.—The term “entity controlled by a for-
10 eign government” has the meaning given that term
11 in section 2536(c)(1) of title 10, United States
12 Code.

13 (2) VETERANS MEMORIAL OBJECT.—The term
14 “veterans memorial object” means any object, in-
15 cluding a physical structure or portion thereof,
16 that—

17 (A) is located at a cemetery of the Na-
18 tional Cemetery System, war memorial, or mili-
19 tary installation in the United States;

20 (B) is dedicated to, or otherwise memorial-
21 izes, the death in combat or combat-related du-
22 ties of members of the United States Armed
23 Forces; and

1 (C) was brought to the United States from
2 abroad as a memorial of combat abroad.

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